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CM holds video-conference with GP Heads on COVID surge

Mysuru DC, ZP CEO and TP EO join virtual meet along with Gram Panchayat Chiefs

Mysuru/Bengaluru, May 26 (RK& DM)- Worried over surging COVID cases in rural areas across the State, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa held a video-conference with select Gram Panchayat (GP) Heads this morning.

In Mysuru, the virtual meet was held at ZP Hall and Taluk Panchayat (TP) Office in Nazarbad, where Heads of 10 select GPs of the district took part.

Addressing the meet, Yediyurappa expressed concern over surging cases in rural areas at a time when infections are coming down in cities and other urban areas. Giving some important tips to GP Heads, the Chief Minister stressed on the need for notifying villages with high caseloads as Micro-Containment Zones.

Pointing out that authorities have been asked to ensure ration and medical supplies to needy people in such Zones, he instructed the GP Heads for ensuring stricter implementation of COVID-19 guidelines.

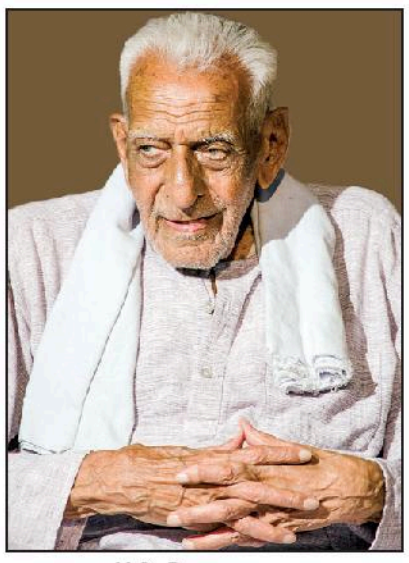
Cautioning against any laxity in ensuring COVID-19 appropriate behaviour, he instructed for conducting periodic health check-ups and sanitisation in villages twice a day.

Pointing out that functions such as marriages, fairs etc., should not be allowed in villages at any cost, the CM said that the authorities must enforce a ban on adoption of orphaned and poor children in villages as this will help in preventing children from being exploited in these trying times.

(See VIDEO-CONFERENCE on page 7)

Freedom fighter H.S. Doreswamy dies at 103

Bengaluru, May 26- Centenarian freedom fighter and Gandhian H.S. Doreswamy, who had successfully recovered from the COVID-19 infection and was discharged from Jayadeva Hospital in Bengaluru on May 12, passed away here this afternoon following a heart attack. He was 103.



H.S. Doreswamy

Harohalli Srinivasaiah Doreswamy (born April 10, 1918), a citizen activist and journalist, ran the publication house of Sahitya Mandira and the Indian nationalist newspaper 'Pauravani' during the British Raj and the period afterwards.

After finishing his education in June 1942, he began teaching Mathematics and Physics at a high school in Bangalore. In August the same year, when the Quit India Movement had begun, he involved in setting up low intensity time bombs in postboxes and record rooms to burn official documents as a method adopted to disrupt the functioning of the British Raj.

During the 1950s, Doreswamy participated in Bhoodan movement and the movement for the Unification of Karnataka. He was jailed for four months in 1975 after he sent a letter to Indira Gandhi threatening to launch an agitation against her for "acting like a dictator" during the Emergency. He was active during the JP Movement against the Emergency rule. During the 1980s, he was involved in various movements for the rights of farmers and other marginalised communities, and later became active in the 'India Against Corruption' movement.

In 1950, Doreswamy married Lalithamma, who was 19 years of age at the time, and with whom he later had two children. Lalithamma died on December 17, 2019 at the age of 89.

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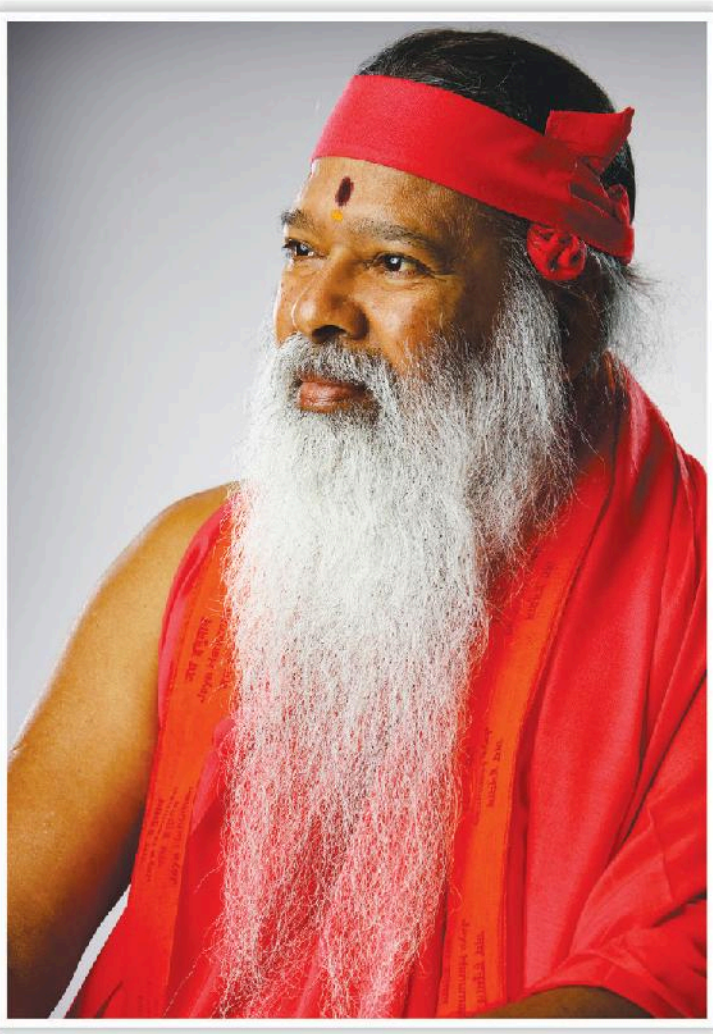

A Spiritual Guru who surrounds his disciples like a subtle fragrance is 79 today.
Wishing many divine returns of the day.
Seeking spiritual master's blessings. — Devotees

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 26th May 2021

Second wave slowing down: IIT Kanpur experts

Kanpur, May 26 (UNI) - Team of experts from IIT Kanpur, who are working on COVID-19 prediction model, have claimed that the second wave was slowing down in the country.

Professors Rajesh Ranjan and Mahendra Verma, along with their team at IIT Kanpur, are working to provide "COVID-19 Prediction Model" for forecasts up to district-wise granularity.

They have also launched a website *https://covid19-forecast.org* for updated daily forecasts, a press statement by IIT Kanpur said here on Tuesday.

According to the latest model observations, India infection has peaked in the first week of May and is currently on steep decline except for a few States.

The average count of daily cases has become nearly 60 percent of its value on May 8, 2021 due to interventions.

It says Test Positivity Rate (TPR) has also reduced from very high value of about 23% on May 8, 2021 to about 12% now due to increased daily testing capacity.

The Case Fatality Rate (CFR) had increased to nearly 1.7% but is expected to go down soon with decrease in active infections.

High TPR (>20%) States identified are Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Odisha and Northeast States.

Low TPR (< 10%) States are UP, Delhi, Gujarat, Bihar, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, MP, Chhatisgarh, J&K, Punjab, Telangana and Uttarakhand.

Lowest CFRs were recorded in Odisha (0.2%), Kerala (0.5%) while highest CFRs are in Delhi (8%) and Maharashtra (3.7%).

It further opined that States yet to saturate are West Bengal, Odisha along with all Northeast States.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Today, our country is at war with itself — the ruling party at the Centre and the Opposition-ruled States are fighting each other instead of collectively fighting the virus, which continues to destroy lives and livelihoods. There are demands from well-known writers, including from the Opposition, asking Narendra Modi to resign. The timing may not be right. They must face the reality. The regional satraps are more than a match to the two BJP leaders controlling the party as we have seen it in State elections in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra, Telangana, Odisha, Jharkhand, Punjab, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, and even Maharashtra. But when it comes to fighting Modi-Shah nationally, the Opposition leaders forget that they are hopelessly fragmented. They have to knit themselves together first and choose one leader of stature (without authoritarian traits, a charge they make against Modi) from among them who is acceptable across India and unite on a common ideology and development agenda before nurturing any ambitions of replacing Modi.

PM Modi still commands a large following. The Opposition is sure to crumble in a heap if they can't rise above their differences, their petty politics and inflated ambitions and egos. There's a rebellion now within Congress to displace the Gandhi family. But it is not strong enough to bring about a change.

Similarly, only inner party democracy within BJP coming to the fore and demands from within the party and the RSS, its mothership, along with the rising disillusionment with the present leadership, can possibly bring about a change of leadership in the BJP.

— Capt. G.R. Gopinath (Retd.) in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

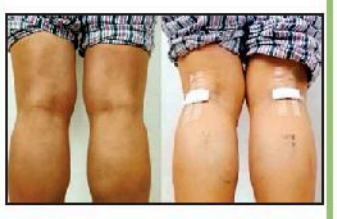
Screambulance, the haunted house on the go

Tokyo: The Screambulance is a new haunted house experience in Japan designed to offer the most terrifying experience in a very tiny space, while abiding by social distancing rules.

Companies are coming up with creative workarounds to stay in business and offer people the scares they crave while abiding social distancing protocols. One such ingenious service is the Screambulance, a mobile haunted house experience in the form of a bloody, beatdown ambulance with an even scarier interior, and a zombie-like staff to boot.

Screambulance is touted as the Asian country's first mobile horror experience. It's basically a horror delivery service adapted to the crazy times we live in. The scary-looking ambulance will turn up and park outside your home at a pre-determined time, ready to deliver the spine chilling thrills you've been missing.

Girls get their leg nerves cut for slim calves



Beijing: A shocking beauty trend that allegedly has young girls getting nerves in their legs severed so that their calves appear slimmer is doing rounds in the media.

This new and disturbing trend reportedly dubbed "calf blocking", which essentially has young, healthy girls getting "less important" nerves in their legs surgically severed to permanently atrophy their calf muscles, so that their lower legs appear slimmer and straighter.

Dr. Zeng Chun, Deputy Director of the Department of Joint Surgery and Sports Medicine, Affiliated Hospital 3 of Southern Medical University, said that he was shocked when he first learned that girls were deliberately severing their leg nerves to make their calves look leaner and added that there is no such thing as a less important nerve and once a nerve has been damaged, there is a high chance that it will never fully recover.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Boost your energy levels with poppy seeds: They are the excellent source of B-Complex, rich in omega 3- fatty acids and carbohydrates. Poppy seed oil can reduce the risk of breast cancer. It can be consumed by adding to the curry which also enhances the taste.

By Kavya J. - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAY 24	MAY 25
Day's Positive Cases	2,680	2,241
Total Positive Cases	1,29,415	1,31,656
Day's Discharges	1,155	2,545
Total Discharges	1,12,453	1,14,998
Day's Deaths	11	17
Total Deaths	1,507	1,524
Total Active Cases	15,455	15,134

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Prof. M.R. Doreswamy advises Govt. on II PUC exams

Bengaluru, May 26- Adviser to the State Government on Education Reforms Prof. M. R. Doreswamy has submitted a set of recommendations to the Government on conducting the second PUC examinations.

In the recommendations, submitted to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Prof. Doreswamy said, "The examinations should be conducted only after the congenial conditions return for students to write the examinations at examination centres."

"All healthcare mandates should be strictly adhered to by the exam centres, keeping the safety of students and staff involved in the examination process. For the current year, each PUC College maybe considered as an examination centre," the Advisor said.

REALLY...?

- *People have been painting for as long as 30,000 years.*
- *The earliest known oil paintings date back to the 14th Century.*
- *Artists used to store their paint in animal bladders.*
- *World War II brought changes to the paint industry.*
- *Oil paint takes two weeks to dry.*
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Girl: *I'm going to miss you!*
Boy: *You would remember me anyway.*
Girl: *How's that?*
Boy: *Thinking that I had not given you that precious ring!!*

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1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.97
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.79
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.13

VOICE OF THE READER

'False positive' and 'false negative' COVID tests !

Sir,

This is in response to the question raised by Prof. B.S. Shankara of Ramakrishnanagar with regard to duration of RT-PCR testing *(SOM* dated May 22). Just as there are cases of 'false positive' there is also the possibility of 'false negative.'

During the first wave of the pandemic, I was running a fever and went to a designated Private Hospital for RT-PCR test which resulted in a negative report.

I went home happy but as days went by I realised the negative result was wrong. I developed all the symptoms of a COVID-19 influenza. I self-medicated, luckily at that time the COVID was not as severe as it is now. I got cured.

I am running 70 years of age and in March I got my 1st dose of Covshield vaccine and in April took the second dose.

My suggestion for people is, not to be satisfied with a negative report. If you are running a fever or loss of taste, get yourself tested again but this time at a different testing centre.

To answer the above correspondent's question, there is no recommended duration for a test certificate (positive or negative). If positive you will have to commence treatment immediately. If you are travelling your test certificate is valid for 72 hours, but I think it has been reduced to 48 hours now. That being said, if the travel did not occur within 48 hours (that has to be confirmed by the airline or travel operator if that is for start or journey or at destination) the test has to be redone.

The test certificate only confirms you have or do not have COVID-19 on the day of test and does not guarantee you will not get COVID for 'x' number of days. But most authorities set a validity as per their medical experts.

—George Rego

Mysuru
23.5.2021

"I haven't met my family since last 20 days," says MCC Health Officer

Mysuru, May 26 (MK&SSV)- "I have got an opportunity to serve people in the current Corona crisis. As a doctor, I cannot sit idle. I am doing the same service I do to my family. If you experience little discomfort, go to a doctor and take treatment. Negligence may emerge as a big problem," said Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Health Officer. Sharing his experiences on the management of Corona crisis, he told *SOM* that the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic was most dangerous than the first wave. A lot of pressure was coming forward. But COVID Mitras and house-to-house survey was reducing pressure. Cleanliness in all wards, distribution of vaccine, Corona testing, distribution of medical kit for home isolated patients and spraying of disinfectants near the houses of positive patients were being done regularly. Besides the new guidelines issued by the State Government is being strictly followed, he added.

Dr. Nagaraj

"I am feeling sad that many of our staff members have succumbed to the deadly Coronavirus. In fact, I haven't seen or met my family members for over 20 days now as I will be spending most of my time visiting Hospitals and COVID Mitra Centres. It is possible to stop the spread of the pandemic only if people join hands with us," Dr. Nagaraj said.

'Take jab wherever it is available'

Mysuru, May 26 (MK&SSV)- Following the display of 'No Stock' board in front of some Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHCs) in city, Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO) and Nodal Officer for COVID-19 Vaccination in Government Hospitals, has appealed to people above 45 years of age to get vaccinated wherever it was available.

When his attention was drawn to the shortage of both Covishield and Covaxin in a few PHCs including T.K. Layout, he said around 7,000 Covishield and about 5,000 Covaxin doses are expected to arrive today. Once the stock comes, it will be distributed among the PHCs depending upon demand. Then, people above 45 years can get vaccinated in PHCs.

He said the vaccines given by the State Government are given only to those beneficiaries who are in the age group of 18 to 44 years, as specified by the State Government. In fact, 20 categories have been created by the State for inoculation and released the vaccines accordingly.

However, there was no problem for taking second dose by people above 45 years of age at any Government vaccination centre in the district, he added.

Complete vaccination target of frontline workers: DC

Mysuru, May 26 (YDS&BCT)- All frontline workers and COVID warriors who are fighting to minimise the pandemic effect in Mysuru must be vaccinated on priority and enough care must be taken to ensure that they complete the first and second dose under all age groups, said Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri.

Chairing a vaccination progress review meeting of various Departments here yesterday, she said that all Officers, irrespective of their Departments must join hands to complete the vaccination of frontline workers.

"If the vaccination process of frontline workers is completed within the stipulated deadline, people from 18 to 45 years age group can be vaccinated," she said. Officers must convince their staff to get vaccinated as slots are available now. Once the scheduled time period is over, it will not be possible to vaccinate them, she added.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka Government announced it will resume the process of COVID vaccination for people aged 18 to 44 soon. It also clarified that the same would not be available to everyone in the age group.

"However, for identified State COVID frontline workers/vulnerable group and priority groups, the concerned will be informed of date and time of vaccination by the designated Nodal Officers," a clarification issued by Dr. Arundhathi Chandrashekhar, Director of the National Health Mission (NHM) in Karnataka said.

Earlier, in an order dated May 20, the NHM Director had specified that certain categories of frontline workers alone will be vaccinated as the drive resumed and that the State will utilise vaccine supplies for them on priority.

Which vaccines are available now, and for whom?

The first dose of Covishield vaccine for people aged 45 and above is available "online in urban areas and on-site in rural areas," the public notice mentioned. It added that beneficiaries due for their second dose of Covishield could walk in to the nearest vaccination centre.

However, the first dose of Covaxin was "currently not available" and those awaiting their second dose of the same were informed that they would get an SMS notification with the required details. "Beneficiaries should visit the designated COVID vaccination centre mentioned in the SMS," it stated.

Karnataka receives 3 lakh Covishield doses from Centre

Bengaluru, May 26 (UNI)- Karnataka Minister for Health and Medical Education Dr. K. Sudhakar has said that the State has received 3 lakh Covishield doses from the Centre on Tuesday.

In a tweet, the Minister said that "Karnataka received 3 lakh doses of Covishield today under the Central quota. Total Covishield doses received from the Centre is 1.05 crore. Total Covishield purchased directly by the State is 13.54 lakh."

The State Government, which has received 13.1 lakh Covaxin doses so far, has placed an order of 3 crore vaccines comprising two crore Covishield and one crore Covaxin.

In addition, the State has decided to float a global tender for two crore vaccines. There is an acute shortage of vaccines in the State which has forced the Government to suspend the vaccination drive for 18 to 44 except the frontline workers and a select group of people.

Delay in uploading COVID test results

A total fine of Rs. 20 lakh imposed on Govt. and Private Labs

Bengaluru, May 26 (SSV)- A fine of Rs. 20 lakh has been imposed on Government and Private Laboratories for delay in uploading results of COVID-19 tests, said Deputy Chief Minister and State COVID-19 Ministerial Task Force Chairman Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

These figures were shared by Shalini Rajneesh, State Nodal Head, In-Charge of COVID Testing, at a meeting convened by the Minister here on Monday.

The total number of cases, where results were delayed for more than 24 hours since May 8 is 10,103 and this included both Government and Private Labs. About nine Government and 31 Private Labs were penalised. Out of these, 3,034 cases belong to Government Labs and the remaining 7,069 cases are from Private Labs. The concerned Labs have been fined Rs. 200 for each case. Besides, five Labs have been closed/penalised for sharing positive reports without uploading them on Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) COVID-19 Data Portal and show cause notices have been issued in 41 cases for delay in uploading samples, Shalini informed the Minister.

COVID tests should be increased and for each positive case, four tests need to be done for which Task Forces at Village Panchayat-level should actively involve in identifying the infected.

ADC, ZP CEO inspect rural PHCs,
COVID Care Centres and COVID Mitras

ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh (third from left) seen interacting with an ASHA worker during his surprise visit to a few Gram Panchayats (GPs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in Mysuru taluk yesterday. Picture right shows the ZP CEO checking the Hospital records.

Mysuru, May 26 (SSV)- In the wake of surge in Corona positive cases in district, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) A.M. Yogesh made a surprise visit to a few Gram Panchayats (GPs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in Mysuru taluk yesterday.

He visited Beerihundi, Gopalapura, Jayapura, Doora and Udbur CHCs, PHCs and GPs. He interacted with doctors treating COVID patients and checked the records.

He suggested officers to keep a watch on home isolated patients, to perform last rites of COVID victims with utmost care and to interact with the inmates of COVID Care Centres (CCCs) daily to instil confidence in them.

"Make efforts to free rural areas from Corona by identifying infected persons at the earliest and treating them. Have an extra vigil on children, aged, pregnant and lactating women in rural areas," he said.

'Complete health survey soon'

ZP CEO Yogesh, who held Gram Panchayat Task Force meeting at Hadinaru village in Nanjangud taluk, asked ASHA and Anganwadi workers to complete house-to-house health survey before May 31.

He also directed them to create awareness among the villagers to strictly follow the Government guidelines to prevent spreading of COVID-19 pandemic.

On the occasion, CEO also distributed Covid Kits to ASHA Workers. Jayapura GP Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) Narahari, doctors of various PHCs were present.

ADC Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy seen during his inspection of Primary Health Centre (PHCs) and COVID Care Centres (CCCs) in Hunsur taluk yesterday. Picture in the centre shows the ADC interacting with a villager to check on the effectiveness of the awareness on 'Pancha Sutra' created in the villages by pasting posters at every house in the taluk.
Dr. Manjunathaswamy reviewing the house-to-house health survey in the taluk (picture extreme right).

Mysuru, May 26- Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy visited Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and COVID Care Centres (CCCs) in Hunsur taluk and held talks with Taluk Task Force members yesterday.

Dr. Manjunathaswamy, who is also a Nodal Officer for Mysuru Taluk, reviewed the progress of house-to-house survey in taluk and also implementation of the 'Pancha Sutra' (a set of five principles) to combat COVID contagion announced by the Mysuru DC.

He also sought information from the officers concerned about the progress of pasting posters of 'Pancha Sutra' and creating awareness among the villagers about the same.

He then checked on the number of people visiting COVID Mitra centres and its usefulness.

Later, the ADC inspected COVID Mitra centres and visited CCCs of various villages in the taluk to see the cleanliness, food and medical services being provided there.

Subsequently, he went to COVID War Room situated in the Hunsur Taluk Office premises and studied its functioning.

Later he held a meeting with the Taluk Task Force members involved in COVID works and instructed them to work efficiently.

Pharmacists seek 'Corona Warriors' status

Mysuru, May 26 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that they have been dispensing medicines without any interruption even after the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic last year, the Mysuru City and District Retail Pharmacists Association has appealed the Government to consider them too as 'Corona Warriors' as they work under risk.

In a memorandum submitted to the Deputy Commissioner (DC) on Monday, the Association said that pharmacy staff are always exposed to risk as they maintain close contact with customers without bothering to check their (customer) health.

Maintaining that several Pharmacy staff fell victims to the deadly virus last year, the Association said that this year too many staff have contracted the virus.

In this backdrop, the Government should consider them as 'Corona Warriors' taking into account the risk they are exposed to. Also the Government must prioritise vaccination of Pharmacists in the ongoing vaccination drive, it said.

Association Secretary C.K. Arun, Treasurer Mansoor Khan and others were present.

Mysuru DC's 'Pancha Sutra' to combat COVID contagion

1. As soon as you get COVID symptoms, isolate yourselves at home and stay away from family. Mandatorily wear a mask.

2. Take medication in consultation with your doctor and inhale hot steam. Sleep in prone position — patients are made to lie on their abdomen to boost their oxygen levels. Proning has its immediate benefits. Have healthy and nutritious food.

3. Instead of panicking and struggling to get into a hospital following symptoms, call COVID Mitra Helpline 0821-2424111. In case of requirement, beds will be allotted and patients taken to the hospitals.

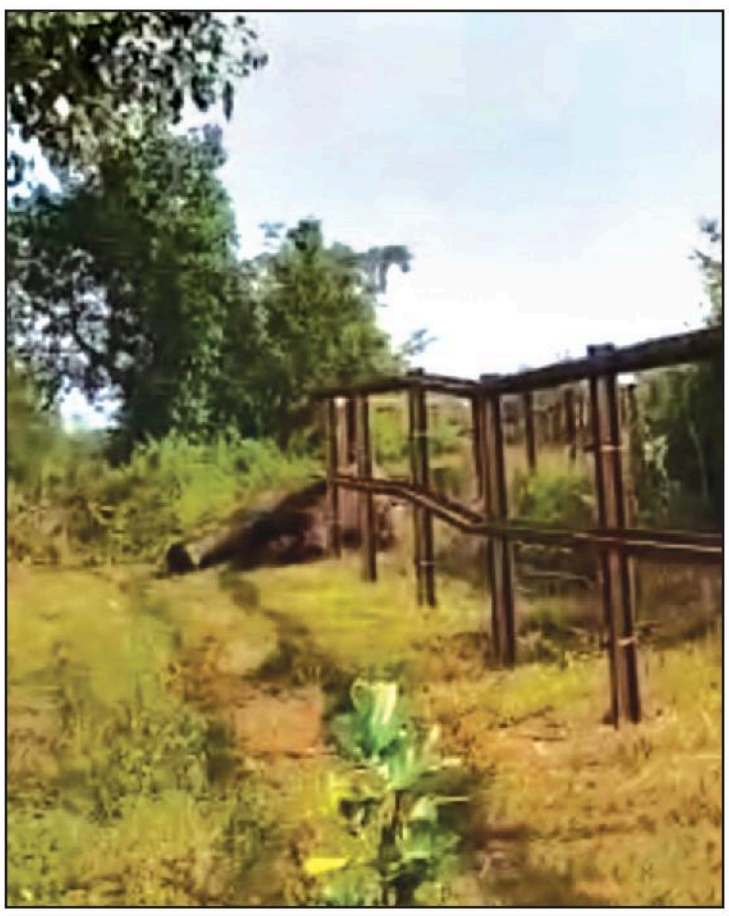
4. Don't wait for RT-PCR tests. Call the doctor and start taking antibiotics. Chest CT Scan, CRP-D-Dimer tests must be done.

5. COVID pandemic cannot be curbed if all people go for RT-PCR tests. Only precautionary measures taken in five days after symptoms surface, consultation with doctors and timely medication will help.

How SMART Jumbos OUTSMART Forest Staff

Elephants cross Railway track barricades with ease and dexterity

A wild elephant sneaking under a Railway barricade to cross from the forest to a village in forest border.



The wild elephant sliding under a rail barricade to enter a village.

Mysuru, May 26 (MTY&BCT)- You may have heard that elephants are among the smartest of all animals and these elephants proved it when they managed to cross the Railway track barricade that was between its way from the forest to villages where juicy crops are readily available to eat.

The entire escapade was captured on CCTV cameras installed by the Forest Department. This move by the elephants has created a new headache to the Department as the sturdy elephant barrier too is proving to be a futile exercise as the smart pachyderms have devised new ways and means to enter the human habitat, creating further human-elephant conflict.

The two incidents occurred at Bandipur Tiger Reserve and at Dubare Range Reserve Forest in Kodagu and the smartness of the jumbos has perplexed the Department officials.

In the first incident that occurred at Omkar Range of Bandipur, an intelligent tusker crawls like an Army soldier to cross the barricade. The 41-second video shows the tusker bending its forelegs and hind-legs and with its tummy on the ground, the elephant inches towards the other side of the barricade, patiently.

The second incident occurred at Valnoor-Thyagathoor Reserve Forest near Kushalnagar where the 39-second video shows an even more intelligent female elephant aged between 30 and 40 years crossing the barrier cross-legged. It first put out its right foreleg and then left.

In a crossing position, the elephant managed to get its bulky body out. It then with ease crossed the hind-legs. Its movement was closely watched by two male elephants that followed the female. After the successful feat, the iron hurdle was crossed and the elephants ran towards vegetation. Both the videos have gone viral on social media.

Trench, electric fence futile

First, as an elephant control measure, the Forest Department dug trenches along the fringes of the forests and the intelligent beings used to push mud with its foot. This continuous work by the herds at many places reduced the depth of the trenches, enabling the elephants to smoothly cross over.

Next the Department used electric fences. However, the exceptionally smart animal carefully pushed down the wooden poles or hit the poles with dry tree logs and used to cross over the other side without touching the electric wires. Some elephants ingeniously used to lift one wire of the electric fence with its tusks and make it come in contact with the above wire so that the fuse can go off. This method too proved futile.

Then came the Railway track barricades, where old rail tracks were fixed, cut and installed as barricades. Gaps were created to prevent bulky bodies from passing through the fence. The fences came up along the fringes of many reserve forests and Tiger Reserves after more than Rs. 500 crore was allocated from 2015 State Budget.

The decision was, however, criticised by environmentalists and conservationists who argued that the fence would not help reduce conflict and instead could lead to a situation of an elephant getting stuck in them. A couple of elephants died too crossing the fences after the diaphragm of the elephants got compressed very heavily due to the pressure.

After the latest video of elephant escapade, Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director S.R. Natesha, Hediyala ACF Ravikumar and staff visited the spot and observed the barricade and decided to put one more single line of fence to prevent further crossing. Once a path or a route is discovered by the elephants, it rarely forgets.

Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director S.R. Natesha, Hediyala ACF Ravikumar and staff inspecting one of the spots where the wild elephants crossed over to the other side after sliding under the rail barricades.

Cop who survived Veerappan attack, dies of heart attack

SI Siddaraja Nayak was to retire from service on May 31

Chamarajanagar, May 26 (SS&KS)- Siddaraja Nayak (59), a Sub-Inspector attached to Chamarajanagar City Police Station, who had survived the deadly attack by the slain forest brigand Veerappan in 1992, passed away yesterday following a heart attack.

Siddaraja Nayak

Siddaraja, who complained of severe chest pain at his residence on Tuesday afternoon, was being rushed to a hospital, where he breathed his last mid way. He was to retire on May 31.

Siddaraja Nayak, who was a part of the Police team, constituted to nab slain poacher Veerappan, had escaped the attack from Veerappan and his gang, when they rained bullets on the Police team comprising SP Harikrishna and Sub-Inspector Shakeel Ahmed in 1992.

During the gun battle, Siddaraja Nayak received seven bullets which had pierced into his body. Though four bullets were removed through surgery, three bullets were still lodged in his body. Last year, he had worked for 75 days as a Corona Warrior without taking a leave.

The body was kept in the grounds at the premises of the Office of the Superintendent of Police for the staff to pay their last respects.

SP Divya Sara Thomas, Additional SP Anitha Huddannavar, Dy.SP Priyadarshini Sankekoppa, Circle Inspector Mahesh and other officials paid their last respects.

'COVID second wave likely to come down in June'

Mysuru, May 26 (PM&DM)- BJP Medical Cell City unit Convenor Dr. Ravindranath, an Orthopaedic surgeon at the city's Brindavan Hospital, observed that the intensity of second wave of the deadly COVID-19 contagion is likely to come down in June.

He was speaking after handing over 7 Oxygen concentrators to the city BJP office at Chamarajapuram yesterday.

Maintaining that the COVID situation is gradually coming under control in the city, Dr. Ravindranath said that this can be seen in the dwindling demand for beds over the past few days.

Noting that the second wave struck in February with a sudden surge in caseloads in Maharashtra and Delhi, he said that the second wave struck Karnataka after Apr. 10.

Opining that the caseloads will decline by the end of this month, he said that the pandemic may come under full control in June. Attributing the intensity to negligence on following COVID appropriate behaviour, he said that the intensity in the second wave is such that the infected patients start to suffer from breathing problems and lung infection just one week after testing positive.

Contending that the recovery rate was much higher when the pandemic broke out last year, Dr. Ravindranath said that another point is that there is a huge demand for medical oxygen in the current second wave, which was not the case last year.

The Cell's Kodagu District Unit Convenor Dr. Aiyyappa attributed breathing problems and lung infection to blood clotting. Also, patients are getting admitted in hospitals at the last minute which is also the cause for deaths, he said and added that recovery of patients in the second wave is taking a much higher time than last year.

City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa said that the BJP helpline has got over 3,700 calls in 28 days after it was launched, out of which more than 1,700 calls have been addressed. Pointing out that two ambulances sponsored by the BJP are currently in service, he said that a two-day advanced training on handling of ventilators was organised under the aegis of City BJP, in which 50 technicians took part. Also, 15 more Oxygen concentrators are being brought to the BJP office in a couple of days, which will be handed over to hospitals in need of them, he added.

Paediatrician Dr. Madhu Patel, ICU Specialist Dr. Gururaj, BJP Medical Cell office-bearer S.E. Girish, Party leaders Mahesh Raje Urs, Cable Mahesh and others were present.

Give suggestions, don't make allegations, BJP leaders tell Siddharamaiah

Mysuru, May 26 (RKB&SSV)- The BJP leaders have urged the Congress Party to give suggestions to deal with COVID-19 pandemic instead of making baseless allegations against State and Union Governments on Corona crisis.

Addressing a joint news conference here this morning, State BJP Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and Jungle Lodges and Resorts Chairman M. Appanna said Leader of Opposition in the State Legislative Assembly Siddharamaiah has been criticising Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa over the COVID management.

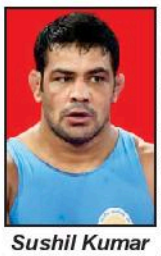
Despite announcing the special package for various sectors, the BJP leaders were being slammed without understanding their efforts to contain the epidemic. The country successfully faced the first wave of COVID pandemic and they were confident of facing the second wave too.

On vaccine diplomacy, they pointed out that the PM sent vaccine to several other countries and in return, those nations sent oxygen, medicine and raw materials to India to combat the ongoing second wave.

But the Congress party is involved in bed blocking and medicine scams, they alleged and blamed the Congress for not contributing a single rupee to Prime Minister Cares Fund.

"We welcome the Congress leaders to give concrete suggestions and not baseless allegations. Don't make baseless statement just for the sake of criticising ruling party. This is not the time to play politics as they have to unitedly fight against this pandemic," they said.

Murder accused Olympic wrestler Sushil Kumar suspended by Railways



Sushil Kumar

New Delhi, May 26- Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar was suspended by Railways yesterday after his arrest in the kidnapping and murder of a 23-year-old wrestler inside Chhatrasal Stadium in Delhi.

The wrestler, who had been on the run for close to three weeks, was arrested along with his aide Ajay from northwest Delhi's Mundka on Sunday.

"Sushil Kumar was detained in police custody on 23rd May, 2021 for a period exceeding forty-eight hours. Now, therefore Sushil Kumar JAG/ (Adhoc) IRTS is deemed to have been suspended with effect from the date of detention i.e. 23rd May, 2021 in terms of Rule 5 (2) of (D&A) Rules, 1968 and shall remain under suspension until further orders," the Railways said in a statement.

On deputation with the Delhi Government since 2015, Kumar was posted as an Officer on Special Duty at Chhatrasal Stadium for development of sports at the school level. The deputation was extended in 2020 and he had applied for an extension for 2021 as well which had been rejected by the Delhi Government. He was sent back to his parent cadre, Northern Railway, according to sources.

Sushil Kumar and his associates, say Police, assaulted fellow wrestler Sagar Rana, 23, and his two friends on May 4 at Chhatrasal Stadium. All three had to be hospitalised. Rana later died of his injuries.

Minister Suresh Kumar holds Ch'nagar Task Force meeting

Suresh Kumar

Gundlupet, May 26 (SSV)- Extending 'COVID Captain' to taluks, preparing 100-bed hospitals for kids, cutting the number of shopping hours for fruits and vegetables and compulsory admission of COVID patients in rural areas to COVID Care Centres.

These are some of the major decisions taken during the District Task Force meeting (online) presided over by Primary and Secondary Education Minister and Chamarajanagar District in-Charge Minister S. Suresh Kumar at the Taluk Office here yesterday.

The meeting was specially convened to make preparations in view of experts predicting third wave of COVID-19 pandemic which will affect children.

The District Administration must immediately keep ready 100-bed hospital exclusively to treat COVID-infected kids. Besides, beds must be reserved in District and Taluk Hospitals for children as precaution.

The Minister directed the Dean of Chamarajanagar Medical College to study third wave and submit a detailed report during the next meeting of Task Force.

'COVID Captain' Campaign

The meeting resolved to make 130 Gram Panchayats (GPs) free from Corona by launching 'COVID Captain' Campaign.

Under this campaign, for all 130 GPs, a PU College Lecturer has been appointed as 'COVID Captains' and they will be accompanied by Medical Officers and Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs). The Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will be in charge of these teams as a 'Super Captain.'

These teams will travel in rural areas to create awareness among people about containing the pandemic and will also see that all COVID patients are admitted to COVID Care Centres.

Team constituted

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. M.R. Ravi said that Medical College Dean has constituted a team consisting of three paediatricians to study the impact of third wave on the kids, and to submit a detailed report.

The delivery and child care wards will be shifted to new building of the medical college. On the top floor, 100-bed ward will be set up for the children.

2,400 vehicles seized

Police have seized 2,400 vehicles for violating lockdown rules in the district.

As many as 199 FIRs have been registered and 250 cases have been booked for not maintaining social distancing.

Inspection

Minister S. Suresh Kumar and Legislator C.S. Niranjankumar inspected Containment Zones in rural areas and sought necessary information from the officers concerned. Later, the Minister also visited Hangala Fair Price Shop and collected details.

Donation

On the occasion, Gopalakrishna (Gopi), owner of Adarsha Bar in Terakanambi in Gundlupet, handed over two Oxygen Concentrators worth Rs. 1.20 lakh to them to be donated to the Government Hospital in the town.

MLA flags off 'COVID Captain Campaign'

Chamarajanagar, May 26 (SSV)- MLA C. Puttarangashetty flagged off 'COVID Captain Awareness Campaign' here yesterday. The purpose of this Campaign is to create awareness among people about precautions to be taken to check the spread of Coronavirus.

The concept behind this was to identify the COVID patients in home isolation in rural areas and shifting them to nearby COVID Care Centres (CCCs).

B.B. Cauvery, Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.R. Ravi, Superintendent of Police Divya Sara Thomas, ZP CEO Harshal B. Narayana Rao, Additional Deputy Commissioner S. Katyayinidevi, Tahsildhar Chidananda Guruswamy and others were present.

Simple celebrations mark Buddha Poornima in city

Mysuru, May 26(PM&DM)- With COVID-19 induced lockdown in force, the Buddha Poornima celebrations in city was a simple affair, marked by garlanding of Buddha's statue and holding of virtual programmes.

As part of the celebrations, Buddha's Statue in Manasagangothri campus was garlanded at a programme organised by the University of Mysore's Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies and Extension Centre.

Speaking after inaugurating the stage event at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri, which was a Zoom meeting, University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that Buddha Poornima is the biggest day for followers of Buddha and this day is also known as 'thrice blessed festival,' as three important events took place in Buddha's life — his birth, attaining enlightenment and his death (Parinirvana).

Pointing out that Buddha Poornima is all about adopting the teachings of Buddhism — Non Violence, Peace and Harmony —, he said that Buddha's preachings are more relevant in modern times when the world has become violent and volatile, due to hostilities between nations.

Quoting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's words that the World and Man can be explained by Human Reason and Endeavour, Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that ideals of Buddhism, which was brought back to the country by Dr. Ambedkar, incorporates wisdom, kindness and open-heartedness in every human being. Noting that though history taught several lessons to mankind, it failed to bring in the dignity and betterment which Lord Buddha had desired.

Stating that India gave Buddhism to the world, he said that turning towards Buddha seems to be a solution for the present day turbulent world. Maintaining that Buddha has underlined the duties and responsibilities of every human being and also on how a citizen should adopt the values of life in his preachings, he opined that the world would be safer if each one of us practice the ideals of Buddha.

Asserting that Buddha was the torch bearer of Spirituality, Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that Buddha is the light of Asia who revolutionised Spirituality by his exemplary preachings.

Dr. Kalyanasiri of city's Vishwa-Maithri Buddha Vihar delivered a lecture on ' Buddha's preachings for health of the present day society' at the Zoom meeting. UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa presided. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre Director Prof. J. Somashekar and others were present.

In another event held at Vishwamaithri Buddha Vihar near Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle) in Krishnamurthypuram, former Mayor Purushotham said that Buddha Poornima is being celebrated in a symbolic manner due to the lockdown in place.

Pointing out that the celebrations was being held in a grand manner in the past, Purushotham said that the expenses that was to be incurred this year, would now be spent on distribution of ration kits to 300 needy families. Highlighting the preachings of Buddha for betterment of society, he said that Buddha is more relevant now than ever. He appealed the rich to donate liberally for the cause of the poor in this critical time, when the entire world is rattled by the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Bodhi Datta Bantheji presided. Prof. P.V. Nanjaraj Urs, leaders Mahatma Swamy, Ashok, Umesh and others were present.

City corporates pool in Rs. 12.53 crore in just 20 days

DC appeals for more contributions under CSR initiative

Mysuru, May 26 (BCT)- As Mysuru reels under the impact of the deadly second wave of Coronavirus infection, Hospitals are facing a daunting task to treat patients. During this time of crisis — at a time when the Government is rationing fund release — organisations and corporates across the district have come forward to support relief efforts by spending money under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

At a virtual meeting with the corporate heads yesterday, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri revealed that over 24 companies have made contributions up to Rs. 12.53 crore in just 20 days, helping the District Administration to tide over the crisis. The money and equipment purchased with the donations has helped save many lives, the DC said.

Mysuru has 54 industries and of them, 41 have come forward to donate under CSR initiative and many companies have sponsored ICU and HDU beds, ventilators, well-equipped ambulances, oxygen concentrators, ventilators, oxygen plants, medical kits, PPE kits and other related products and these are being efficiently used with accountability, Rohini Sindhuri explained, appealing for more donations.

Thanking the corporates, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Additional DC Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, District Industries Centre (DIC) Joint Director D.K. Lingaraju, MCC Executive Engineer Mrithyunjaya, the DC said that combined efforts between corporates and these officers have made this possible.

Mentioning about Black Fungus infection, Rohini Sindhuri said that the infection has surfaced in Mysuru and appealed the corporates to sponsor medical equipment and medicines to treat patients.

Approved CSR activity

Incidentally, the Centre has allowed spending of CSR funds for setting up makeshift Hospitals and COVID Care facilities, including vaccination for general public, to reduce stress on existing healthcare infrastructure.

Spending of CSR funds to prevent spread of the pandemic has already been an approved CSR activity since March 23, 2020, which also includes vaccination and distribution of medicines and preventive materials, if undertaken for the general public. Companies can spend more money from their CSR accounts now and get the additional amount adjusted in subsequent years. The Companies Act requires firms with a net worth of Rs. 500 crore or more, or turnover of Rs. 1,000 crore or more, or net profit of Rs. 5 crore or more in the immediately preceding financial year to mandatorily spend 2 percent of average net profit of the preceding three years on the CSR.

CM holds video-conference

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Asking the officials to hand over orphaned children and other children in distress to the District Child Protection Committee, he said that this committee should only initiate the child adoption process as per law of the land. Emphasising on the need for maintaining hygiene in villages, the CM said that COVID testing should be done only on symptomatic people .

Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri and ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh were present at the ZP Hall virtual meeting, while TP Executive Officer Ramesh and other officials were present at the TP Hall.

The following are the GP Presidents and Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) of the district, who attended the virtual meet: **Mysuru Taluk:** Gopalapura GP President K. Madhuri and PDO D.C. Shivanna; Varuna GP President N. Rajesh and PDO Sridhar. **Nanjangud Taluk:** Hadinaru GP President H.G. Avinash and PDO Sijesh Kumar; Hura GP President Chandru and PDO Mahesh. **K.R. Nagar Taluk:** Sheegavalu GP President Tulasiram and PDO Manjunath. **H.D. Kote Taluk:** Naganahalli GP President K. Mahesh and PDO Santosh Nag; Antharasanthe GP President Kaleem Pasha and PDO Chidanandaswamy. **T. Narasipur Taluk:** Chidaravalli GP President Chikkamallappa and PDO Ravi. **Periyapatna Taluk:** Malangi GP President Devendra and PDO Dr. Asha and **Hunsur Taluk:** Manuganahalli GP President M.D. Srikantegowda and PDO Rachana.

Obituary

M.B. Vishwanath

Mysuru, May 26- M.B. Vishwanath (80), a pro Kannada activist and a resident of Gokulam 2nd Stage, passed away this morning in city. He was the member of Kannada Development Authority and Kannada Jagruthi Samithi, Darmadarshi of Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika, Samajika Samsthe and was the former Superintendent of MDCC Bank.

He leaves behind daughter Lakshmi, a lecturer and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

Thimmanna

Thimmanna (86), patron of Mandi Market Tenants Association and a trader, passed away in the wee hours of today morning following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds at Bannimantap today.

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka talks about animal cruelty & advantages of getting a dog / cat neutered

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

Is there evidence of a connection between animal cruelty and domestic violence?

Absolutely. Hundreds of studies in psychology, sociology and criminology, in the past 50 years, have demonstrated that violent offenders frequently have childhood and adolescence histories of serious and repeated animal cruelty. The connection has been recognised since the 1970s, when its analysis of the lives of serial killers suggested that most had killed or tortured animals as children. Research has shown consistent patterns of animal cruelty among perpetrators of other forms of violence, including child abuse, spousal abuse and elder abuse.

What is considered to be animal cruelty?

Anything that gives an animal pain. Animal cruelty encompasses a range of behaviours harmful to animals, from neglect to malicious killing. Unintentional neglect could start from tying up a pet the entire day on a roof or on a balcony.

Extended periods of neglect can lead to seriously compromised health or even death. Intentional cruelty can run the gamut, from knowingly depriving an animal of food, water, shelter, socialisation or veterinary care, to maliciously torturing, maiming, mutilating or killing an animal. Institutions, like slaughterhouses, can be the extreme form of cruelty.

Why do pugs have difficulty in breathing?

Many dogs in these breeds suffer from a disease called Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS). The compact architecture of their skull results in deformation, which makes their nostrils or soft palate too small, obstructing airflow and leaving the dogs gasping for breath.

Why are chained dogs more aggressive?

Tethering is not only bad for dogs — it is a high-risk factor in serious dog bites and attacks. Dogs, unable to retreat from perceived or real threats, can act out aggressively when approached. Dogs tethered for long periods can become highly aggressive. Dogs feel naturally protective of their territory; when confronted with a perceived threat, they respond according to their fight-or-flight instinct.

A tied dog, unable to take flight, resorts to fight, attacking any unfamiliar animal or person who wanders into his or her territory. Tragically, the victims of such attacks are often children who approach the dog unaware of the risks. Furthermore, tethered dogs, who finally do get loose from their chains, may remain aggressive and are likely to chase and attack unsuspecting passersby and pets, because they have developed severe behaviour problems from long-term, intensive confinement. It is important for people, who tie dogs up all the time, to understand these risks.

How old does a dog need to be before it can be separated from its mother?

Most veterinarians recommend that puppies be at least 8 weeks old before being separated from its mother and littermates. This ensures the puppy's best chance for good health, both mentally and physically. The best situation for developing a healthy immune system. And the best assurance that the pup won't show behaviour problems later in life.

Do dogs only bark when they are upset?

No, that's only one thing their barks can mean. Barking is a language. Dogs also bark when they want something, like food or a door to be opened, someone's attention, when they are tied up and unhappy. Sometimes they bark to alert other people and dogs to something or someone they find suspicious.

These barks might also be intended to frighten the person or animal whose presence bothers them. They might bark a few times, make a low, drawn out growl, and then resume barking if the person gets more suspicious. These barks can progress into anger barks.

What are the advantages of getting a dog / cat neutered?

The female animal will live a longer, healthier life.

Spaying helps prevent uterine infections and breast cancer, which is fatal in about 50 percent of dogs and 90 percent of cats. Spaying the animal before her first heat offers the best protection from these diseases.

- Neutering provides major health benefits for the male. Besides preventing unwanted litters, neutering the male companion prevents testicular cancer.
- The spayed female won't go into heat. While cycles can vary, female felines usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they'll yowl and urinate more frequently.
- The male dog won't want to roam away from home.
- The neutered male will be much better behaved. Neutered cats and dogs focus their attention on their human families. On the other hand, unneutered cats and dogs may mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine all over the house. Many aggression problems can be avoided by early neutering.
- It is highly cost-effective.
- The cost of the animal's spay/ neuter surgery is a lot less than the cost of having and caring for a litter.
- Spaying and neutering the dog/ cat is good for the community. Stray animals pose a real problem in many parts of the country. They can prey on wildlife, cause car accidents, damage the local fauna and frighten children. Spaying and neutering packs a powerful punch in reducing the number of animals on the streets.
- Spaying and neutering helps fight pet overpopulation. Every year, millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanised or suffer as strays. These high numbers are the result of unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering.

What are the indications that a dog is dying?

As dogs draw closer to death, they may begin to lose interest in things and people around them. It is normal if your dog no longer wants to play, as they will experience a loss of interest and a decrease in energy levels. Your dog may even stop responding to you or your family members entirely.

A common reason dogs lose interest, when they are dying, is that their brain functions begin to shut down. They may experience mental confusion that causes them to appear detached. Typically, a dying dog will lie in one place without moving around very much. This place may be a quiet corner of your home or somewhere secluded, and it may not be a spot where they usually lie. Your dog might not even have enough energy to lift their head. A dying dog will experience appetite changes and may lose their appetite entirely.

No matter what food or treats you offer, dogs that have lost their appetite will typically refuse both food and water. The closer your dog is to dying, the less of an appetite they will have. In addition to an inability to control their bowels, a dying dog may vomit after eating or drinking. When a dog is dying, they often lose control over their bladder and bowels as their organs begin to shut down. This can lead to peeing or experiencing a bowel movement wherever they are lying. Even if a dog is very well-trained, he may not have the energy to get up to relieve themselves.

Can we make our dog eat only pure vegetarian food?

Yes, a pure vegetarian/ vegan diet can be given do dogs. Rice, lentils and vegetables with curd can be given. Also you can feed your dogs cottage cheese, as it is protein-rich. Soyabean nuggets and curry is a good source of protein. Dry paneer can be given with chapattis, and covers most protein requirements. Green beans and lentils are high on carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals. Vegetable stew is easy to make and nutritious, and khichdi is good for old and convalescent dogs. If your efforts are met with resistance, tempt your animal friends by serving them warm, or by adding soy milk or nutritional yeast. Dogs require two amino acids, called L-carnitine and taurine, that can be insufficient in plant-based or cooked dog food unless it is supplemented. Sometimes a dog will eat better if he has a mashed, boiled or scrambled egg mixed with the food.

Sometimes my dog digs at the carpet or sofa?

There are a number of possible explanations for this behaviour. Dogs never want to miss a dropped crumb or speck of their favourite, or some other tiny but tasty, tidbit you dropped. With a powerfully strong sense of smell, it may smell food on the couch or buried in the fibres of the carpeting. There may also be an intriguing smell left behind from somebody else, tracked in on a shoe or dropped there, that compels your dog to dig at the carpeting to find out what it is. Every smell tells a story when dog sniffs it.

At times of high excitement or stress, you may see your dog digging and pawing with no apparent purpose. It may want to chase a bird she sees outside but cannot get to, so instead it digs at the carpet or chair to release some of that anxious energy. Dogs will do strange, and sometimes destructive, things when they get bored, such as tearing apart papers, toys, or chair cushions. Boredom can also cause dogs to dig at the carpet or couch cushions.

Dogs made their sleeping areas safe and comfortable by digging and rearranging the surface where they slept. It may dig and turn in circles creating a safe space in which to rest. Your dog is not trying to be bad when it digs and scratches at your carpeting or furniture. It is just doing what comes naturally.

To join the animal welfare movement contact
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Police check-post shelter inaugurated

Mysuru, May 26 (RK&DM)- SP C.B. Ryshyanth inaugurated the newly built shelter for Policemen on duty at Bandipalya APMC check-post on Nanjangud Road here yesterday. The check-post comes under Mysuru South Police Station jurisdiction.

The shelter will be used by Police personnel who are deployed for duty at the check-post, as a resting facility.

The shelter has been built by K.P. Kiran Gowda, an APMC merchant, with support from Mysuru APMC officials. Additional SP R. Shivakumar Dandin, Dy.SP Dr. Sumeeth, CPI K. Jeevan, PSIs V.C. Vanaraj, Kempanna and Thirumalesh, K.P. Kiran Gowda and others were present.

Task Force formed for Health of District Police personnel

Mysuru, May 26 (YDS&DM)- SP C.B. Ryshyanth said that a Task Force has been formed to ensure the health of District Police personnel during the COVID crisis.

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Ryshyanth said that the Task Force comprises of DAR Dy.SP and Sub-Inspectors.

Explaining the activities of the Task Force, he said that sending infected Policemen to home isolation, bed management and admission to COVID Care Centres (CCCs) are some of the duties.

Pointing out that the Task Force centre will make calls to Policemen and their family members twice a day, he said that if necessary, Policemen will get ration at their doorstep.

Appealing the people to follow COVID-19 appropriate behaviour, he asked them to limit visits to provision stores by making purchase of essentials that are enough for at least three days.

The SP further said that 500 vehicles that were moving around unnecessarily in rural parts of the district have been seized so far and cases have been registered against motorists for violation of lockdown norms.

Also, those found not wearing face mask are being penalised without any leniency, he added.

KUWJ Chief mulls book on Netra Raju

Netra Raju

Mysuru, May 26 (PM&DM)- Rich tributes were paid to senior Press Photographer of the city Netra Raju who passed away recently, at a online condolence meeting organised under the aegis of Mysuru District Journalists' Association (MDJA) here on Monday.

Speaking at the Google Meet platform, Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) President Shivananda Tagadur recalled the excellent photographs that Netra Raju had clicked as a Press Photographer.

Noting that the MDJA should bring out a book on Netra Raju and also organise programmes in his memory every year, he assured that KUWJ will extend all help for it.

Shivananda Tagadur further said that Mysuru Media has become poorer with Raju's demise and it is unfortunate that many media persons across the State had died of COVID.

Senior Journalist Krishna Prasad recalled his over 3-decade old association with Netra Raju. Asserting that Raju had great concerns for budding photographers, he said that Raju never hesitated to give some useful tips to his juniors.

Another Senior Journalist Ravindra Bhat said that Raju's photographs were simply exceptional. Recalling his years of association with Raju, he welcomed the idea of publishing a book on the late photographer. He further said that the book must contain all his outstanding photographs, as this will give valuable ideas for budding photographers.

Veteran Journalist M.B. Maramkal said that Netra Raju was an outstanding personality with good and humble qualities. Recalling that he and Netra Raju worked together for a media house for 24 years, he said that it is regretful to note that some persons misused his (Raju) reputation for their selfish ends.

Journalist Subash Hoogar said that Netra Raju's photographs are the best examples on how a single photograph can explain a thing when more than a hundred words are required to describe it.

MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar said it is unfortunate that Mysuru has lost a very good Press Photographer in Netra Raju, who earned name and fame both nationally and internationally through his photographic skills. His demise is a great loss to Media and his sudden demise is all the more shocking, he added.

Sapna Book House Founder Suresh Shah passes away

Suresh C. Shah

Mysuru, May 26- Suresh C. Shah (84), Founder of Sapna Book House, the largest book store chain in the country, passed away yesterday afternoon at a Private Hospital in Bengaluru, following age-related ailments.

He leaves behind his sons Nitin, Deepak and Paresh and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed in Bengaluru this morning, according Sapna Book House sources.

Suresh Shah first opened Sapna Book House in 1966 in a small rented shop at Majestic in Bengaluru and went on to establish 19 branches across the State including in Mysuru.

Suresh Shah also started publishing in Kannada and is counted as one of the leading publishers of Kannada books.

Son of a Mumbai cotton-seller and a native of Dhoraji in Gujarat, Shah started working as a coolie, and his leadership qualities saw him heading the Bombay Coolie Association, even as he studied in high school.

He came to Bengaluru in the early 1960s, when a book distribution company he was employed with sent him here. But he quit the job and founded Sapna Book House in 1966.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and many of his Cabinet colleagues including Ministers S. Suresh Kumar and Murugesh Nirani have condoled the death of Shah.

Two go missing from city

Mysuru, May 26 (KS)- In separate incidents, a man and a woman have been reported missing from city.

In the first incident, a 31-year-old woman, who left her house on May 21 at about 11.30 am, without informing the family members has since gone missing.

The missing woman is **Suma**, a resident of Hebbal 2nd Stage in city. She is 5.6 ft. tall, round faced, normal built, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada has a black mole on the left side of her neck and was wearing a red and white flower design chudidar top and green pant at the time of going missing. Those having any information about the missing person, may contact Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

In the second incident, a 42-year-old man, who left the private hospital in city, where his wife is undergoing treatment on May 9 at about 8 am, saying that he was going to get money for the treatment, has since gone missing.

The missing person is **M. Basavaraju.** He is 5.5 ft. tall, normal built, wheatish complexioned, round faced, dark complexioned, speaks Kannada and Tamil, has mark of an old wound behind his left leg and was wearing a shirt and a dhoti at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Saraswathipuram Police Station on Ph: 08212418123/ 2418323 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

Shabeer Hussain

Mysuru, May 26- Shabeer Hussain (45), a granite merchant and a resident of Lashkar Mohalla, passed away in the early hours of today in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter, brother Jameel Ahmed Ashrafi and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place today.

K.V. Sridhar

K.V. Sridhar (80), retired Education Department officer and a resident of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

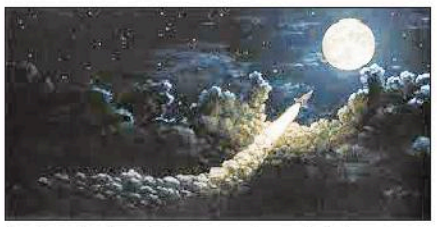
Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday night.

Puttananjaiah

Chamarajanagar: Puttananjaiah (84), former President of Chamarajanagar Bar Association and a resident of the town, passed away on Monday at a Private Hospital in Mysuru following brief illness. He leaves behind his wife Mangalamma, sons Dr. Shivashankar and Ravishankar, daughter Nirmala and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the family's farm land at Madapura village.

WORD OF THE DAY

Moonshot



Pronunciation: moon-shot.
Meaning: A very challenging and innovative project or undertaking.
Origin: Moonshot, "a launching of a spacecraft to the moon," a transparent compound of moon and shot, entered English in 1949, near the beginning of large-scale rocket development in the U.S. Moonshot in its extended sense "a challenging and innovative project" first appears in 1967.
Example: Jennifer Granholm, the energy secretary, called the U.S. plan to tackle climate change "our generation's moonshot." —Lisa Friedman And Coral Davenport, "Biden And World Leaders Focus On Innovation For 'Clean Energy Future'," New York Times, May 9, 2021

THE ODD WORD

Ablactation

Weaning of a child from its mother's milk.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Call a spade a spade

Meaning: To describe something as it really is.
Origin: It might be thought that this derives from the derogatory use of the slang term 'spade', meaning Negro, an American term originating in the 20th century. That view of it as derogatory might also be thought to be supported by this piece from John Trapp's Mellificium theologicum, or the marrow of many good authors, 1647: "Gods people shall not spare to call a spade a spade, a niggard a niggard." Trapp's use of 'niggard' is difficult to interpret. The word had several meanings in the 17th century. It could be used to mean 'miser', which is the more common usage today, or as a general term of abuse - 'lout', 'barbarian' etc. The word was also used as the name of firebricks in grates. The co-incidence in form and pronunciation of 'niggard' and 'n*gger' causes some confusion. Although the two words probably derived independently, they doubtless affected each other's development of meaning over time. Whatever Trapp's intention was, we can be confident that he didn't mean 'n*gger' or 'negro'. An earlier expression of the notion, albeit in different form to that which we now use, comes from Nicolas Udall's Apophthegmes of Erasmus - translated in 1542: "Philippus aunswered, that the Macedonians wer feloes of no fyne witte in their termes but altogether grosse, clubbyshe, and rusticall, as they whiche had not the witte to calle a spade by any other name then a spade."

QUOTE BOX

Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

—Arthur Schopenhauer

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

DOOR

Answer: Backdoor

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Reactions of surprise
4 Inland Rec. Serv.
7 Probability
11 Title role for Amitabh Bachchan
12 Day after Fri.
13 Round pastries normally filled with sweetened fruit or other sweets
14 Large snake
17 Slave or serf
18 Relevance
20 Greek letter
22 Sort of bread made by South Indians from boiled rice
23 Gad's son?
24 Relating to a forearm bone
27 One of the four seasons
31 Succeeded in obtaining a position
33 Large marble
34 Black bird
35 Shuttle's org.
37 Pierces with horn
39 Midnight to 8 AM usually (5,5)
42 Wise person
43 One who abandons beliefs
46 ___ handed : generous?
47 Legal thing
48 Move heavily
49 Clear of costs
50 Explosive chemical Trinitrotoluene in short
51 Start of a vol. 1 heading

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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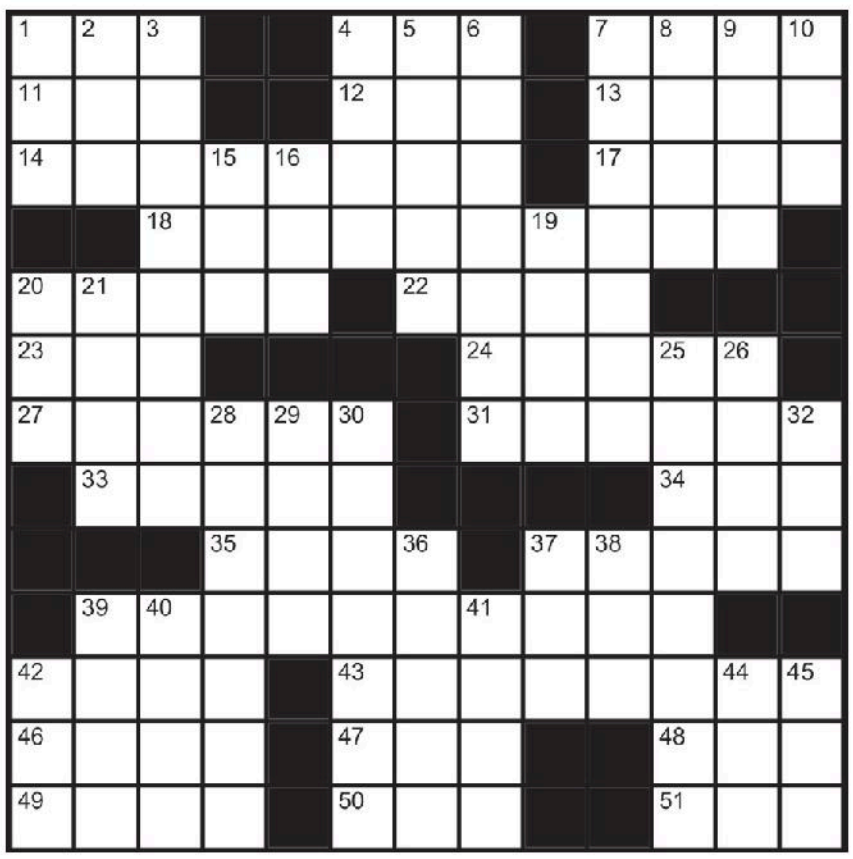
DOWN

1 Concubine's room
2 Honourable, in short
3 Cracking or breaking down with a click
4 Is not, in contracted form
5 Semi-diameters
6 Get to one's feet (5,2)
7 Unlocking or revealing?
8 Flat plate
9 "Need" anagram for a small valley
10 Compass direction
15 Brown-capped boletus mushroom - "EPC" anagram?
16 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
19 Vogue competitor
20 London's ___ Gardens
21 Operatic song
25 Capital of Tripura
26 French name
28 Touching
29 UP town
30 Begin or commence afresh
32 Prefix with "cover" & "please"
36 Poplar tree
37 US soldiers
38 Frequently
39 The back of the neck
40 _ __ it : I follow this? (1,3)
41 It is his duty to entertain his guests
42 Sanjay Dutt to Sunil Dutt?
44 Chiding sound
45 I myself am hidden in the gorse



SUDOKU

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	6	3		7		8		
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	9	8	4				3	
				2	1			

Answer to previous puzzle

2	8	6	9	4	3	7	1	5
3	9	4	1	7	5	6	8	2
7	1	5	2	6	8	9	3	4
5	3	7	6	8	4	2	9	1
9	4	8	7	1	2	3	5	6
6	2	1	3	5	9	8	4	7
4	6	3	5	9	7	1	2	8
1	5	2	8	3	6	4	7	9
8	7	9	4	2	1	5	6	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PN QGQUMDIQ PB JFPIRPIS YCPRQ, JFQI

BDOQZDLM PBI'J JFPIRPIS.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS I

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Politeness, n. The most acceptable hypocrisy.

Food and medicine kits, vaporisers distributed

Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Abivrudhi Sahakara Sangha handing over vaporisers through DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda to Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) in city recently.

Mysuru District Wrestlers Association office-bearers providing grocery kits to wrestlers on Sunday.

Mysuru, May 26 (KS) - Coming to the aid of needy people in trying times, political leaders, various organisations, NGOs, associations and individuals have lent a helping hand by donating food and medicines, vaporisers and other essentials in city.

Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Abivrudhi Sahakara Sangha has donated 206 vaporisers to Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) to be distributed among journalists. DCP (Law&Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda handed over the vaporisers to MDJA in the presence of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Abivrudhi Sahakara Sangha President C.G. Gangadhar, MDJA General Secretary A. Subramanya, City Vice-President M.S. Basavanna, City Secretary P. Rangaswamy, Akhila Karnataka Vokkaliga Mahasabha President N. Bettegowda, Nagendra, Bharat and Ravikumar.

Mysuru District Wrestlers Association on Sunday distributed ration kits to senior and junior wrestlers who are financially weak. The kits were distributed near Sahukar Chennaiah Stadium by Wrestling Coach Pailwan Srinivasagowda, Mysuru Dasara Wrestling Sub-Committee former President Pailwan Doregowda and others. Pai. R.K. Ravi, Pai. Chota Rafiq, Pai. Chandrashekar, Pai. Ramesh, Pai. Venkatesh, Pai. Shivu Hosahalli, Pai. Tabrez Patan, Pai. Suputra and others were present.

Office-bearers of Sri Siddalingeshwara Swamy Samithi Trust distributing food packets to labourers at Kukkarahalli on Sunday.

Sri Siddalingeshwara Swamy Samithi Trust and Ward 21 Corporator C. Vedavathi distributed food packets to labourers and the needy at Kukkarahalli on Sunday. Samithi Member Sunil, BJP leader Shivashankar, leaders Mahadevu, Vinod, Shankar, Naveen Kukkarahalli and others were present on the occasion.

Naveen Kumar Yuva Balaga distributed grocery and medicine kits near Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar to the needy people. Congress leader M.N. Naveen Kumar, social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee, Himalaya Foundation President N. Ananth, Secretary Harshavardhan, SVM Foundation President M.V. Nagendra Babu and others took part in the distribution.

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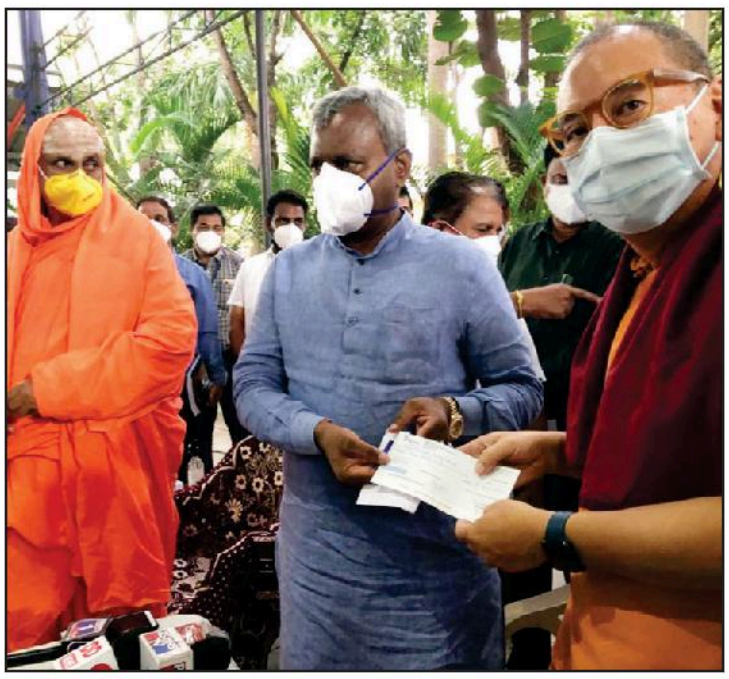


Tibetan Monks donate towards COVID relief: Tibetan Monk Kundeling Rimpoche handed over a cheque for Rs. 3 lakh towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for COVID, to Mysuru District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar recently in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and others.

Kumbara Govt. Employees donate medical kits: On behalf of Karnataka State Kumbara Government Employees Welfare Association, Association President and retired Chief Engineer R. Srinivas handed over medical kits to be distributed to hospitals, to Mysuru District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar at Suttur Mutt in city recently. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, former KPSC (Karnataka Public Service Commission) Member Dr. B.S. Krishna Prasad, Kumbara Mysuru District Employees Association President Dr. Govinda Shetty, K.P. Venkatesh, Kantharaj and others were present.

Rajasthani Samaj distributes groceries to daily wagers: Grocery kits were distributed to the houses of daily wagers at Ambedkar Pourakarmika Colony in Ward 23 (Subbarayanakere) by Rajasthani Samaj led by Corporator Pramila Bharath, leaders Kantilal Jain, social workers Anil and Manish. Ilai Alwar Swamiji, Bharat, Chamaraja Constituency BJP Yuva Morcha President R. Sachin, Chamaraja Constituency Mahila Morcha Vice-President Lakshmi, Ward BJP leader Sudarshan, Srinivas, Murugesh, Charan, Papanna, Ganesh, party workers and localites were present.

Dr. Devi Shetty to be India's new Health Minister?

New Delhi, May 26 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah held a three hour-long strategy meeting on Sunday (May 23), with Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Sar-karyawah Dattatreya Hosabale and Sunil Bansal, General Secretary of BJP's Uttar Pradesh Unit, to discuss the impact of the COVID crisis on the Government and BJP's image and its fallout on State elections due next year, including in Uttar Pradesh, sources said.

Dr. Devi Shetty

Also on the agenda was a possible reshuffle of the Union Council of Ministers in July, depending on whether the Coronavirus second wave abates by then. Modi is expected to sack a few Ministers and bring in new faces to showcase his team for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

The focus of the reshuffle is to send a clear message that health infrastructure will be doubled, and show that the PM is mindful of the sharp criticism over the mishandling of the second wave. With many experts warning of a possible third wave of Coronavirus before November, the Modi Government does not want the impression to gain ground that it has once again taken its eyes off the ball to focus on State elections in UP and Punjab due in March 2022.

Among the Ministries that will see a change is health. Healthcare professionals with whom Modi has been interacting have identified a few faces from the medical side and speculation is that Dr. Devi Shetty, Founder of Narayana Health, will be the new Union Health Minister. A few days ago, Dr. Shetty was appointed by Karnataka as Head of its Task Force to prepare for the COVID third wave.

During his interactions with pharmaceutical companies to speed up the supply of COVID-related medicines, Modi came across bottlenecks in the supply chain that he wants rectified. The priority for Modi is not only to bring the economy back on rails, but also address the pathetic health conditions in rural areas and to provide the best possible medical assistance to the poor.

Apart from Dr. Shetty, Modi is keen to bring in eight to ten new faces. Among the names mentioned are former Congress leader Jyotiraditya Scindia, former Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal, former Bihar Deputy CM Sushil Modi and Odisha MP Baijayant Panda. Experienced BJP hands tipped to make it to the Government are Bhupender Yadav, Meenakshi Lekhi and G.V.L. Narasimha Rao.

While Modi is being cornered by the Opposition from multiple sides, he has maintained a stoic silence. But his aides reveal in private conversations that the PM plans to turn the criticism in his favour by weeding out non-performers in his team.

CISF DG Subodh Kumar Jaiswal appointed as CBI Director

New Delhi, May 26 (UNI)- Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Director General (DG) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal has been appointed as the Director of Central Investigation Agency (CBI) for a two-year period.

Subodh Kumar Jaiswal

A 1985 batch Maharashtra cadre IPS officer, Jaiswal was also the Director General of Police (DGP) of Maharashtra before he was appointed as the CISF DG.

According to the notification of the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet, Jaiswal has been appointed for two years from the date of his assumption of the charge of the office or until further order whichever is earlier.

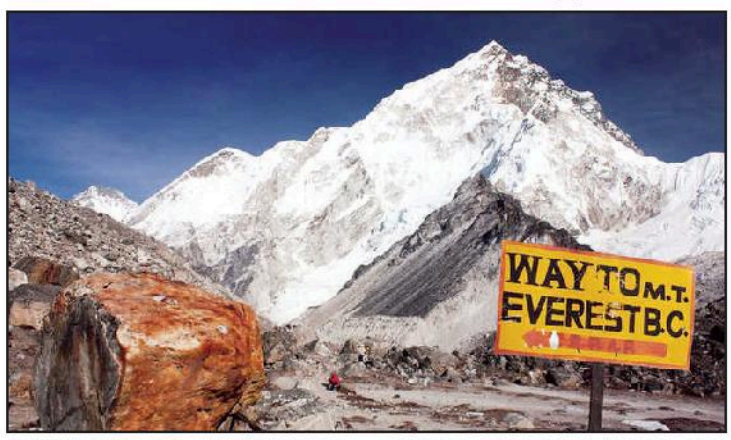
The Government notification came last evening after a series of meetings of the High Power Committee comprising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Justice of India C.V. Ramana and leader of the Congress party in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chaudhary.

The post of CBI Director was lying vacant following the retirement of Rishi Kumar Shukla in February this year.

Height of COVID

Climbers report pandemic cases on Mt. Everest, the world's tallest peak

New Delhi, May 26 (Agencies)- As the current spring season draws to an end, climbers and expedition organisers have reported more COVID-19 cases on the world's tallest peak, Mt. Everest, while an official from the Nepali Department of Tourism has denied it, saying no written reports were presented yet.



Damian Browne, a former Irish professional rugby player who attempted to summit the peak this year, announced in a social media post on May 22 that four climbers of his team, including himself, were infected with the COVID, Xinhua news agency reported. "Of the four-team members evacuated and sequestered, two including me have symptoms and two don't," he wrote.

"For me, learning that I have COVID was in a way a relief and answered many questions I had, but for the guys showing no symptoms and feeling strong, this evacuation and quarantine must be unbelievably frustrating." Expedition Company Climbing the Seven Summits (CTSS) had organised the climb for the team involving Browne.

TAG Nepal, a local partner of CTSS, also confirmed the infections of four climbers. Sagar Poudel, Director at TAG Nepal, told Xinhua on Monday that Browne and three others tested positive. "In fact, 11 members of the expedition team who were tested positive with rapid test kits, were brought to Kathmandu, but only four of them tested positive in PCR examination," he said.

A total of 39 climbers from the CTSS expedition came to summit Everest. "So far, 10 have already scaled the world's tallest peak, with at least one of them having tested positive in antigen test but later tested negative in PCR," said Poudel.

On May 15, Lukas Furtenbach, Managing Director of Furtenbach Adventures, an Austria-based mountaineering expedition company, announced that the firm had cancelled its current expedition to Mt. Everest due to increasing Coronavirus infections at the base camp of the world's tallest peak.

Furtenbach, currently in Kathmandu, told Xinhua that he submitted the evidence of climbers infected with Coronavirus at the base camp to the Nepali authorities on Sunday. "I produced evidence of 10 infections to the Department of Tourism after I was asked to submit a full report including our evidence," he said.

According to Furtenbach, at least 100 infections were confirmed by doctors, insurance companies, expedition leaders and evacuated climbers themselves. Eight members of his team had contracted the virus. "In other teams, up to 30 people have been infected," he said.

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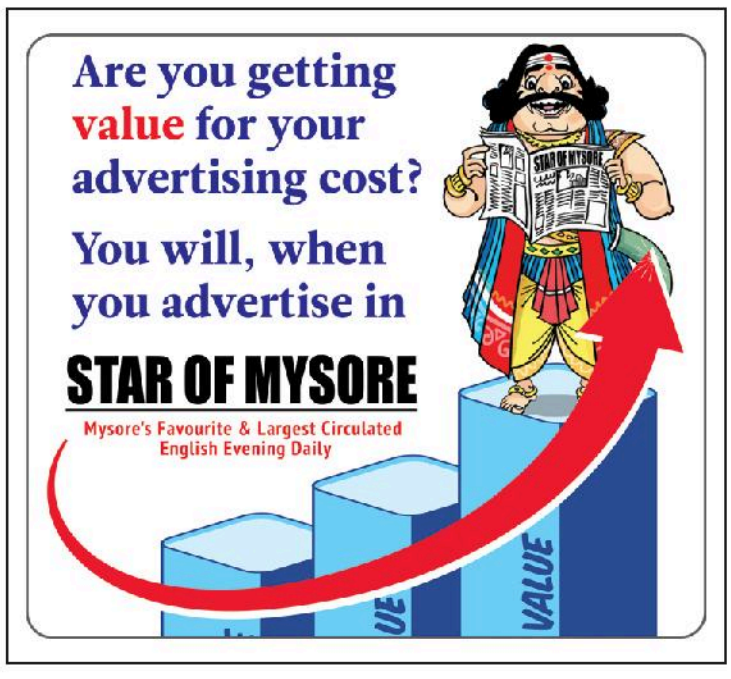

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